UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. 1940 DUKE STREET ALEXANDRIA VA 22314

COPY MAILED

JUL 0 1 2008

In re Application of

Hieda, et al.

Application No. 10/537,416

Filed: June 2, 2005

Attorney Docket No. 273258US2PCT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 24, 2008, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before November 29, 2007, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice), mailed August 29, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was issued on January 8, 2008.

Petitioners assert that the Notice dated August 29, 2007 was not received.

Applicants' representative is a participant in the Office's E-Notification program, wherein applicant's representative receives a once daily e-mail notification of all applications in which outgoing Office correspondence has been issued. A review of the record indicates that e-mail notification of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and the Notice of Allowability was not sent.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby <u>vacated</u> and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center AU 2817 technical support staff for <u>re-mailing</u> the Notice of Allowability and the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of August 29, 2007. The period for paying the issue and publication fees will be reset to expire three (3) months from the date the Notices are re-mailed. This period is not extendable under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

Shirene Willis Brantley

Senior Petitions Attorney

Office of Petitions